

Speakers Urge Workers to War On High Taxes

Taxpayers League Adopts Resolution Opposing Further Bond Issues

An audience of approximately 200 people heard speakers declare war on mounting taxes at the meeting of the Torrance and Lomita Taxpayers Association held at the Torrance high school auditorium Thursday evening.

John T. Gaffey, founder and active promoter of the league, was first introduced by the president Beverly H. Smith, and lead off by explaining the purposes of the organization. Mr. Gaffey urged all present to aid in the battle against high taxation by inducing others to sign up as members of the league, and his statements were backed up by other speakers who pointed out that only by concerted and well organized action could the desired results be obtained.

Leo V. Youngworth, Los Angeles attorney and former member of the legislature, and others spoke along similar lines, urging organization and co-operation.

Harvey Harris, editor of an independent oil journal, spoke on the Sharkey bill, known as the oil control measure which has been placed on the ballot to be voted on May 3. Mr. Harris explained in detail the workings of the bill, and declared that the passage of the bill would sooner or later place the control of the oil business in the hands of the major oil companies. Under the terms of the bill, all oil matters are handled by a commission of five members, only one of whom will represent the companies operating in Southern California.

Two resolutions were presented to the assembly for adoption, one of them the resolution which has been adopted by all the other Taxpayers organizations in the harbor district. It pledges the members of the Taxpayers League to oppose all future bond issues and special assessment projects, and to vote against them, unless such measures have the approval of the officers of the league.

School Boards Should Justify Expenditures

Taxpayer Should Have More Direct Control Over Costs; Vandegrift

SACRAMENTO.—(U.P.)—Taxpayers of Los Angeles county should have a more direct voice in the control of public school expenditures.

This is the contention of Roland A. Vandegrift, state director of finance, who declared that while the compulsory budget act of California "has many desirable characteristics," that part dealing with schools is "woefully weak and inadequate."

"Neither the taxpayers nor the county officials have the same control over the school budgets as they do over the budget for general county purposes, for the reason that public hearings are not provided for in the school budgets," Vandegrift said, "nor are county boards of supervisors authorized to make reductions in the proposed expenditures of school district budgets except when they exceed the maximum tax rates as prescribed by law."

"In order to make these budgets more effective and more responsible to the taxpayers, the boards of school trustees should be required to justify the need for every item in their financial setup in a public hearing held either by the county board of supervisors or some other executive body."

Doin's of th' Flyin' Buzzard

By DUETTE HILL

When Forty, the cook, hollered, "Come an' git er," ole tenderfoot was right there, but when us cowboys begin passin' it to 'im 'n tellin' 'im to have some "Son of a Gun," "Frog Eye Puddin'," 'n "Lick," he wasn't so hungry. He remembered that yesterday when we was ridin' down in the black brush that we didn't run on to nary cafe like Doggie Cy sed we was, so he et, b'lieve me.

When us fellers ride along out on the range 'n the sun heats down, our nags sweat 'n we git hungry, we pull out a piece of good ole jerky 'n it tastes like "chicken of the king"—b'lieve that's what they call it—tenderfoot gags 'n starves; he still thinks it's burro meat. Sometimes it's awful hard to keep from tellin' 'im the truth so he can have the top of mawing on a hunk of jerky, too.

Back to Crinolines for Utah Girls



As hostesses at the big Mormon pioneer ball this year these four great-granddaughters of Utah pioneers are all dressed up in the regalia of the era when wigs were quite the thing and shoulders peeped out from fancy dresses. At top, left to right, are Athlene Budge, Lucile Clark and Helen Shurtliff. Frances Mortensen is seated. Each spring Utah celebrates the hebra made by ancestors of these girls across the plains from Missouri to the far west.

Establish Phone Service to Brazil

Brazil is the fourth South American nation to be brought within reach of United States telephones, the others being Argentine, Chile and Uruguay. Telephone service between this country and Rio de Janeiro, chief city of the South American republic, was formally opened on December 13, 1931.

Connection to Brazil is established over a short-wave radio telephone channel 4,800 miles in length between the transoceanic stations of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company at Lawrenceville and Netcong, N. J., and stations operated by the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation near Rio de Janeiro. These stations, connect with the lines of the Brazilian Telephone Company.

TOWN WILL OMIT FLOWERS
SWAMPSCOTT, Mass.—(U.P.)—Hereafter the town of Swampscott will send no flowers to funerals of former town officials. It's part of a municipal economy program.

HARVARD AIDS JOBLESS FUND
CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—(U.P.)—Faculty members and students of Harvard University have contributed a total of \$7,506 to the Cambridge unemployment relief fund.

Registration In L. A. County Passes Million

Huge Democratic Gains Are Recorded In Every Section of State

With registration in Los Angeles county above the million mark for the May 3 primary the total enrollment for California, according to reports today from Sacramento, was fixed at about 2,312,000.

Huge Democratic gains were announced from every section of the state, especially in the state's three largest counties, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Alameda. The figures for the entire state were: Republican, 1,467,000; Democratic, 725,000. In Los Angeles county the latest tabulation showed that 1,010,459 were registered, with many sections still to be heard from. The Democratic registration here is \$44,499, a gain of 127,459 over that of four years ago. The Republican registration of 576,343

is a falling off of 24,293. Registration by parties in Los Angeles city follows: Republican, 318,295; Democratic, 292,525; Socialist, 4029; Prohibition, 2546; Liberty, 410; miscellaneous, 989, and those who declined to state party affiliations, 43,001.

In the balance of the county, the registered voters were as follows: Republican, 258,051; Democratic, 141,971; Socialist, 3016; Prohibition, 3908; Liberty, 527; miscellaneous, 674; declined to state, 30,557.

San Francisco's total registration so far is 214,905. The Democratic registration is 85,243, an increase of 27,963 over 1928, while the Republican total of 124,616 is a loss of 22,283. In Alameda county the Republicans enrolled 139,146, a decrease of about 14,250 and the Democrats, with 58,300 registered have gained 22,000.

Woman Licensed Plumber
SAN ANTONIO, Texas.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Merle Siebrecht surprised City Plumbing Inspector Emil Henig when she applied for a plumber's license. She surprised him still more when she made one of the best grades ever attained by an applicant for the license. She is the first woman plumber licensed in the state.

Public Schools Week In April

State Superintendent Sets Date For Annual Observance

SAN FRANCISCO—State Superintendent of Public Instruction Vierling Kersey in a statement issued through the State Committee here on public schools week, beginning April 25th, called on school people and the public generally to help make the coming 13th observance of the week the most successful in California's history.

Public schools week has become an annual event, joined in by chambers of commerce, parent-teacher organizations, the American Legion, civic and commercial groups and mayors of city councils of municipalities throughout the state.

An especial feature this year will be the problem of rural schools in the smaller communities in relation to the general state-wide school program.

during the week's observance, the meetings in all the larger cities of the state being held in public schools auditorium.

TRACK MEET
Torrance high will meet South Gate in a Marine League track meet on the local grounds tomorrow.

Elected Clerk 42 Times KINGSTON, Mass.—(U.P.)—Henry S. Everson recently was elected town clerk for the 42nd consecutive year.

BOLT STRANGLED CHILD
MERIDIAN, Miss.—(U.P.)—Charles Litchfield, two, was strangled to death when he swallowed an iron bolt he had taken from the door of his mother's kitchen stove.

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